

Transition Information for Parents
To Accompany the Statement of Assurances
(To be given at the Initial IFSP meeting)

First Steps, Kentucky's Early Intervention System, is authorized by a federal law. That law is called the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. First Steps is "Part C" of that law. In order to assure that children in Kentucky get the services they may need after they finish with First Steps at age three, IDEA requires that First Steps plan with families for that transition. The first part of that required transition process is for First Steps to inform the school system [Kentucky Department of Education] of any children who may be eligible for services from the schools when they turn three. The information that is sent on all First Steps children who are 30 months or older is: child's name, date of birth, parent/guardian name, address, phone. When that information is sent, a written notice of that action is filed in your child's permanent record at the Point of Entry. You have the right to see your child's record at any time. If you choose for your child to continue receiving services thru the school system, First Steps will arrange a "transition conference" with the IFSP team and team members from the school system. Your family may already be working with your Primary Service Coordinator to transition your child to the public preschool program or another program at that time. If you do not want to see if your child is eligible for the public preschool program, you can refuse those services by simply telling the school system you are not interested.